

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department Mines, Minerals and Energy, Division of Mined Land Reclamation (DMLR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for aquatic life on Dumps Creek in the Clinch River Watershed. There will be a final public meeting for the purpose of presenting the draft TMDL for aquatic life on **Tuesday, March 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Cleveland Recreation Facility on Route 82 next to the ball fields in Cleveland, Virginia. This meeting provides an opportunity for the public to share their concerns.

The Dumps Creek impaired segment is located in Russell County, Virginia. It is 3.4 miles in length and extends from the Clinch River confluence at Carbo upstream to the Hurricane Fork confluence. The stream is near the American Electric Power Plant that discharges to Clinch River at Carbo. Dumps Creek flows near Route 616 and 615. Tributaries include Millstone Branch. Dumps Creek was identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's General Standard for Aquatic Life.

303(d) of the Clean Water Act and 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report. The purpose of the study is to identify sources and determine reductions of pollutants so that Dumps Creek can meet the water quality standard.

The public comment period will end on April 25, 2003. A fact sheet on the development of the TMDL for aquatic life on the impaired stream is available upon request or may be retrieved from the DEQ website, www.deq.state.va.us or directly from the maps at <http://lexington.yesvirginia.org/>. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Nancy T. Norton, P. E., Department of Environmental Quality. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and be addressed to Nancy T. Norton, P. E., Department of Environmental Quality, 355 Deadmore Street, P. O. Box 1688, Abingdon, Virginia 24212, telephone (276) 676-4807, Fax (276) 676-4899, or e-mail ntnorton@deq.state.va.us.❖